

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the following Section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed:

Article 40A – Maryland Public Ethics Law

Section(s) 1-101 through 1-201, inclusive, and the headings “Title 1. General Provisions”, “Subtitle 1. Short Title, Legislative Policy, and Conflicts of Law”, and “Subtitle 2. Definitions”; 2-101 through 2-103, inclusive, 2-104(a), (b), (c), and (e), and 2-105 and the heading “Title 2. Administration”; 3-101 and 3-103 through 3-110, inclusive, and the heading “Title 3. Conflicts of Interest”; 4-101 through 4-106, inclusive, and the heading “Title 4. Financial Disclosure”; 5-101 through 5-107, inclusive, and the heading “Title 5. Lobbying Disclosure”; 6-101 through 6-303, inclusive, and 6-401 through 6-501(a), inclusive, and the headings “Title 6. Local Government”, “Subtitle 1. Conflicts of Interest”, “Subtitle 2. Financial Disclosure”, “Subtitle 3. Lobbying Disclosure”, “Subtitle 4. Express Powers”, and “Subtitle 5. Local Government Implementation”; 6A-101 through 6A-501, inclusive, and the heading “Title 6A. School Officials”; 7-101 through 7-104, inclusive, and the heading “Title 7. Enforcement”; and the article designation “Article 40A – Maryland Public Ethics Law”

SECTION 2. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – State Government

TITLE 15. PUBLIC ETHICS.

SUBTITLE 1. FINDINGS; DEFINITIONS; GENERAL PROVISIONS.

15-101. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND POLICY.

(A) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.

(1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, RECOGNIZING THAT OUR SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IS DEPENDENT UPON THE PEOPLE MAINTAINING THE HIGHEST TRUST IN THEIR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, FINDS AND DECLARES THAT THE PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO BE ASSURED THAT THE IMPARTIALITY AND INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT OF THOSE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES WILL BE MAINTAINED.

(2) IT IS EVIDENT THAT THIS CONFIDENCE AND TRUST IS ERODED WHEN THE CONDUCT OF THE STATE'S BUSINESS IS SUBJECT TO IMPROPER INFLUENCE OR EVEN THE APPEARANCE OF IMPROPER INFLUENCE.

(B) POLICY.